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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2160

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SN

SUBJECT: SINGAPORE FORMIN RAJARTNAM VISIT TO PEKING

1. PRESS COVERAGE FORMIN RAJARATNAM VISIT TO PEKING HAS BEEN MAJOR STORY ALL PAPERS, ACCOMPANIED BY MANY PHOTOS OF RAJA SEEING THE SIGHTS AND MEETING CHIAO KUANA-HUA. COVERAGE WAS FRONT PAGE LEAD STORY STRAITS TIMES, BUT (SIN CHEW AND NANYANG) CHINESE PRESS, WHILE GIVING STORY GOOD PLAY ON LOCAL NEWS PAGE, DID NOT TREAT IT WITH PROMINENCE ONE MIGHT EXPECT-- INDICATING PROBABLE GOS GUIDANCE.

2. AFTER WHAT-WHERE-WHEN DETAILS, COVERAGE ALMOST SOLELY EX-CERPTS RAJA'S SPEECH AND PRONOUNCEMENTS. PRESS HIGHLIGHTED RAJA'S STATEMENT THAT GOS MULTI-CULTURAL AND MULTI-LANGUAGE POLICY KEY TO SINGAPORE'S IDENTITY AND THAT NON-ALIGNED SINGAPORE, WHILE READY TO DEVELOP FURTHER FRIENDLY CONTACTS WITH PRC, WOULD WAIT UNTIL ITS CLOSEST NEIGHBORS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH PRC BEFORE EXCHANGING DIPLOMATS. PRESS DESCRIBED THE GOS-PRC TALKS AS FRANK AND CORDIAL. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT EITHER JUST PRIOR OR DURING THE VISIT. FIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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JOURNALISTS FROM MAJOR CHINESE AND ENGLISH PAPERS ACCOMPANIED

MISSION. GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO-TELEVISION SERVICE SENT NO ONE;  
TV COVERAGE TODATE LIMITED TO NEWS REPORTS AND FEW SLIDES.

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